

It is notified in the *Gazette* that H. E. the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has granted Major-General A. H. A. Gordon, Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, six months leave with pay, and that he will, in addition to his usual vacation leave, be on duty on General Gordon's departure. Mr. A. M. Thomas is appointed Acting Superintendent of Victoria Gaol.

CANTON.

Another fire has occurred in this city. It broke out at 2 p.m. on the 26th inst. in No. 10 Chang Street, near the Standard Hotel, where about 100,000 dollars' worth of property was destroyed. During the conflagration consequent on this disaster, a party of half a score robbers broke into an opium shop named the "On Tai," in the same street, and carried away a quantity of opium, jewellery, and clothing.

The son of His Excellency the Governor is shortly to marry, and the young lady selected is the daughter of the Chinese prefect. The Governor's wife will leave Nanking some time about the middle of next month for Canton in order to make arrangements for and to be present at the wedding.

FORMOSA.

The San-pao announces that the extension to Nanking of the North Formosa railway is completed, tunnel and all, and is doing a very brisk business.

FOOCHOW.

The British barque *Hedley* was forced by the river on the 17th March, having been caught by a current for the sum of \$2,250.

Unless the weather continues bad, a most remunerative crop of vegetable oil is promised. It only requires a good week's sunshine to dry the seeds.

We are glad to note that notwithstanding the falling off of the export of tea from Foochow—the total revenue of the Imperial Customs for the year 1890 was Tls. 21,299,256, against Tls. 21,823,768 in 1889, an increase of Tls. 7,527,464. The total value of the trade was some Tls. 6,400,000 more than the previous year. The revenue was the largest since 1878, with the single exception of the year 1888.

An unknown sickness, we are told, is now prevailing amongst the natives, and hundreds of them have fallen victims to it. It is said to begin with swelling of the foot, which gradually rises up to the knee, and is accompanied by a loss of appetite and pain in the joints, the whole body becoming black. We believe the report to be genuine, as it was related to us by man of good authority. Influenza, small pox, and this new sickness have already carried thousands of them away from this world.

On the 17th March—in the general locality that the destitute took up their abode on the 17th April—two lone harpooneers escaped—another disastrous fire would have happened but for the timely assistance rendered by a few Ningpo sailors who happened to be at the spot, when the alarm was given by a little girl, who saw the flame rising from the root. The boy, my as usual, was the only one of our several friends who had the nerve to adopt a better method of conveying the smoke from their cooking-houses in place of the present fashly built ones. —*Echo.*

SHANGHAI.

The N. C. Daily News says that the arbitrators' award in the Koko Maru *Telenachus* collision case has been given, and both steamers and diver claved to the right, and the responsibility of the collision equally by both sides.

The Mercury of the 29th ult. says—"The Austrian flag, which has disappeared for a few months from shipping in these waters, is about to make its appearance locally again. We learn that Mr. Mandl, of the firm of Mandl & Co., has purchased the steamer *Tsai Sheng*, formerly the *Yunnan* of the Chinese *Mohamed & Co.* The vessel, which has recently undergone extensive repairs, will be put on the Hangchow line, and the Austrian flag was hoisted or to-day for the first time."

The *Han-pao* says—"The first telegraph was erected in China—the wires having passed through two men. Let me assure you, the position of Kao-kiang has been connected with the telegraph cables, and the provincial express much wonder at the rapidity with which the messages are transmitted. In their ignorance they think that telegrams are written on sheets of paper and these sheets pass over the wires. When the working committee of these provinces sends a telegram, the telegraph poles stand like trees in a wood, and the messages travel over the wires. Of course they had only then disappointment for their trouble."

It is often (says the *Shanghai Mercury*) that the Chinese local authorities take no interest in the goings or comings of the foreigner, and the public is led to believe, as an instance of the high esteem in which the present British Chief Justice and the Consul-General are held by the leading Native local officials, that H. E. Sir Taota; the Shanghai Hsien, Mr. Lok; and the Mixed Court Magistrate, Mr. Tsui, are making arrangements to give a fine well-dressed party to the British Consul, Mr. P. J. Nicholls. This act is a graceful tribute to the two retiring officials, and we are sure it will be appreciated not only by the recipients of the compliment, but by all foreigners. It is proposed to hold the dinner on Monday next in Mr. Chang Shih-garden on the Bund, and the oil road. The dress will be *Feudal* style.

The manager of the Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited for 1890 has been issued. It shows a net profit on the working of the business of Tls. 9,617,77, which, together with the balance of profit and loss account carried forward from 1889, viz. Tls. 756,79, leaves a total standing to the credit of this account of Tls. 10,376,56.

This profit will be distributed to the shareholders in November last, which absorbed Tls. 4,350, and the directors now recommend that a further and final dividend of 5 per cent be paid on account of 1890, say Tls. 4,000, leaving a balance of Tls. 1,376,56 to carry forward to 1891 account, on a very satisfactory result for the year.

The following note relates the following incident:

The present vice-regal couple at Nanking was the wife of the palace of the rebel chieftain, who occupied the city for over three years. Round about the yamen tiles and bricks, curiously wrought, are still to be found and seen. One of the old dignitaries and a discovered copper eel-skin coat and very heavy. He assumed that it must contain a quantity of value, and hid it under his clothing, walked away. Some of his comrades perceiving the act surrounded him. They pursued him to see and divide the head was refused. An alternative was offered which either he should have, with his son, a servant. A servant and the police interfered to restore peace. When quiet came more reigned the copper box was missing. Even the man who found it could not tell how he lost it. This incident only shows "true" that "there's many a slip 'twix the cup and the lip."

SOOCHOW.

The Soo-chow people have just had established to them one of the terrible tragedies that the inevitable outcome of the war in which they live. Last night about nine o'clock five bombs were planted in the street that runs in front of the great pagoda, in a house that extended from the street back to the canal, a distance of 20 or 25 feet. The incendiary was captured, and the house impossible. Five persons were burned to death. They were sleeping on the second floor of the building that stood on the edge of the canal. One woman, to whom life was dear, kept her wife well enough to enable her to slide down a bamboo pole and rush out of the front door, but she was dead.

Young ladies have doubtless heard of the Afars whose wives transmuted were merely the sons of that she was. This poor woman did not ever wear that much.

Three magisterial districts exist in Soo-chow. The magistrates appeared upon the scene, and after the alarm of fire had ceased, and in a short time the crowd on one side of the bridge, which was guarded each by a magistrate, and a scene, but firearms were allowed to pass. Notwithstanding the efforts of the magistrates, the things saved from the houses were carried off by the crowd whom nothing could prevent from dealing. The people in cities as well as towns along the coast have taken such of the vessels that devour their fellow as soon as they fall. The

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